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BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES LEVEL OFF, SKID BELOW YEAR AGO

NEW YORK, December 4 -- The dollar volume of permits issued builders in the nation's 200 largest cities levelled off at $2,773,160,539 in June, just 0.2 per cent short of $2,777,967,467 reached in May, reports Dun & Bradstreet. Despite holding nearly steady wi h a month earlier, permit issuances skidded below a year ago for the first time this year, running 12.7 per cent behind the record $3,175,380,926 attained in June 1978.

In the 199 cities outside New York,building permits eased 2.2 per cent to $2,651,583,154 from $2,710,563,973 in the preceding month. Sharp declines in Chicago, New Orleans and San Diego outweighed some strong increases, particularly the gains in Houston, Spokane and Hollywood, Florida. Aggregate volume in the 199 cities this June fell 15.0 per cent short of the $3,121,306,617 issued in the like month last year. Precipitous drops from '78 levels took place in Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego.

Contrary to the general trend, New York showed a hefty jump in plans filed by builders, to $121,577,385, almost double the $67,403,494 in the previous month and the largest amount in eleven months. Filings by New York builders outpaced even more strongly their year-earlier plans which came to $54,074,309 in the previous June.

For the first half year as a whole, building permits issued in the 200 largest cities remained ahead of a year earlier totalling $13,943,813,943, some 10.4 per cent more than the $12,632,655,818 in the first half of 1978. All except three of the twenty-five cities with the largest volume kept a lead over year-earlier activity. Especially strong advances from '78 levels were chalked up in Atlanta, Washington, New York, and Boston.

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2. JUNE BUILDING PERMIT VALUES

MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES
1976 - 1979

	1979	1978	1977	1976
January.....	$ 1,746,778,126	$ 1,555,200,317	$ 1,155,317,475	$ 1,094,555,899
February.....	1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444	1,346,506,159	1,017,644,026
March.....	2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038	1,831,077,441	1,298,836,652
April.....	2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609	1,670,684,353	1,418,036,240
May.....	2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484	1,848,109,958	1,359 299,738
June.....	2,773,160,539	3,175,380,926	2,112,508,861	1,513,262,913
July.....		2,374,622,719	1,786,583,619	1,391,463,324
August.....		2,096,290,105	1,983,733,131	1,622,806,467
September....		2,197,718,509	1,720,913,053	1,456,079,039
October.....		2,305,383,414	1,802,807,510	1,311,459,333
November.....		2,050,242,106	1,827,177,094	1,327,938,877
December.....		1,809,134,416	1,908,713,368	1,387,900,565
Total.....	$	$25,466,047,087	$20,994,132,022	$16,199,283,073

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Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the first six months of 1979 were:

(Millions of Dollars)

		Six Months 1979	% Change Previous Year
1.	Houston, Texas.....	1279.8	+ 57.4
2.	Los Angeles, California.....	778.2	+ 14.0
3.	Dallas, Texas.....	521.0	+ 13.9
4.	New York, N.Y.....	380.2	+ 63.0
5.	Phoenix, Arizona.....	351.5	+ 24.7
6.	Chicago, Illinois.....	324.6	+ 48.7
7.	San Diego, California.....	263.0	- 45.2
8.	Atlanta, Georgia.....	230.2	+ 75.1
9.	Honolulu, Hawaii.....	229.2	+ 46.3
10.	Austin, Texas.....	224.7	+ 23.3
11.	San Jose, California.....	208.0	+ 14.4
12.	Seattle, Washington.....	195.0	+ 39.2
13.	New Orleans, Louisiana.....	178.4	+ 51.7
14.	San Antonio, Texas.....	171.0	+ 37.4
15.	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.....	164.9	+ 3.7
16.	Columbus, Ohio.....	164.1	- 42.2
17.	Denver, Colorado.....	159.3	+ 9.3
18.	Indianapolis, Indiana.....	157.6	+ 2.0
19.	Arlington, Texas.....	150.5	+ 3.0
20.	Albuquerque, New Mexico.....	150.1	+ 14.3
21.	Sacramento, California.....	145.3	+ 19.3
22.	Boston, Massachusetts.....	143.3	+ 61.8
23.	Washington, D. C.....	142.5	+ 67.4
24.	Minneapolis, Minnesota.....	136.8	+ 8.9
25.	San Francisco, California.....	135.1	- 58.0

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR THE 200 LARGEST CITIES BY POPULATION AS RECORDED IN THE 1970 CENSUS. THE FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATED BUILDING COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PROSPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THEY INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY SIZE		JUNE 1979	SIX MONTHS 1979	SIX MONTHS 1978
1.	NEW YORK, NEW YORK*			
	MANHATTAN	90,985,350	213,667,645	106,422,030
	BRONX	2,215,340	12,826,509	20,922,590
	BROOKLYN	5,582,050	36,103,210	45,996,153
	QUEENS	7,963,150	53,249,610	20,035,028
	RICHMOND	14,851,495	64,371,436	39,836,367
	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	121,577,385	380,218,409	233,212,168
2.	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	37,906,841	324,586,919	218,252,106
3.	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	143,643,987	778,181,070	682,699,622
4.	PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	14,154,927	83,943,288	95,770,327
5.	DETROIT, MICHIGAN	21,191,298	103,967,166	90,137,355
6.	HOUSTON, TEXAS	279,752,207	1,279,758,921	813,086,320
7.	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	13,796,851	68,399,294	160,611,003
8.	DALLAS, TEXAS	98,787,620	520,952,666	457,434,768
9.	WASHINGTON, D. C.	19,809,400	142,525,525	85,138,276
10.	CLEVELAND, OHIO	5,978,414	53,547,751	33,547,385
11.	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	31,035,904	157,638,241	154,548,083
12.	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	17,054,142	78,069,706	75,524,687
13.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	24,746,986	135,083,271	321,374,262
14.	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	6,038,974	262,983,678	479,769,059
15.	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	21,786,743	171,007,213	124,474,948
16.	BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	15,120,600	143,294,237	88,566,000
17.	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	21,440,075	94,234,619	86,464,508
18.	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	10,301,542	42,541,165	47,715,847
19.	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	30,965,328	178,397,802	117,623,880
20.	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	58,171,025	351,461,752	281,923,455
21.	COLUMBUS, OHIO	26,094,923	164,109,117	283,749,222
22.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	38,557,731	194,960,666	140,019,508
23.	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA	18,658,479	99,010,662	123,270,632
24.	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	27,619,580	78,906,289	52,627,597
25.	DENVER, COLORADO	33,562,377	159,346,102	145,743,572
26.	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	19,113,245	83,511,352	88,437,218
27.	ATLANTA, GEORGIA	54,063,805	230,226,825	151,463,238
28.	BUFFALO, NEW YORK	3,401,206	15,200,315	10,089,259
29.	CINCINNATI, OHIO	16,963,399	80,160,776	78,625,791
30.	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE	31,186,673	126,153,870	109,445,674
31.	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	51,928,069	207,985,680	181,711,733
32.	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	25,380,171	136,789,364	125,595,965
33.	FORT WORTH, TEXAS	26,878,079	131,937,077	128,280,044
34.	TOLEDO, OHIO	8,463,300	56,450,903	45,426,026
35.	PORTLAND, OREGON	21,681,070	126,894,926	113,226,215
36.	NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	493,175	14,105,465	11,297,242
37.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	47,647,902	164,935,603	159,115,684
38.	OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	10,460,918	46,064,321	83,636,215
39.	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	5,466,958	18,481,906	21,092,531
40.	LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	15,302,105	56,678,372	41,389,415
41.	OMAHA, NEBRASKA	9,266,269	66,604,528	40,349,778
42.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	5,597,239	73,175,273	38,344,943
43.	TULSA, OKLAHOMA	19,786,575	126,910,325	261,766,527
44.	HONOLULU, HAWAII	31,778,342	229,165,171	156,664,814
45.	EL PASO, TEXAS	17,835,899	111,412,943	116,915,811
46.	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	24,222,777	63,672,601	64,872,377
47.	NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	4,241,317	24,722,435	24,525,910
48.	BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	10,587,171	56,338,052	64,220,114
49.	ROCHESTER, NEW YORK	4,117,062	14,387,583	18,980,076
50.	TAMPA, FLORIDA	5,382,607	41,505,200	34,823,350
51.	WICHITA, KANSAS	10,110,198	85,122,080	52,456,792
52.	AKRON, OHIO	5,976,298	21,680,134	25,792,483
53.	TUCSON, ARIZONA	16,965,529	103,336,404	67,529,798
54.	JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY	655,325	9,684,181	3,041,660
55.	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	30,414,441	145,308,944	121,762,146
56.	AUSTIN, TEXAS	30,392,821	224,719,141	182,203,332
57.	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	3,297,514	23,809,356	25,543,152
58.	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	28,678,074	150,124,074	131,348,957
59.	DAYTON, OHIO	7,075,747	49,345,057	20,183,461
60.	CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	15,823,053	67,947,948	72,478,610
61.	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	3,552,735	45,376,438	41,072,850
62.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	13,588,664	90,741,777	64,670,029
63.	YONKERS, NEW YORK	467,175	7,782,898	12,813,275
64.	DES MOINES, IOWA	19,917,059	46,007,043	32,011,876
65.	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	3,726,475	21,219,803	15,779,316
66.	SYRACUSE, NEW YORK	779,726	36,509,659	11,115,126
67.	FLINT, MICHIGAN	2,634,495	20,287,753	24,775,127
68.	MOBILE, ALABAMA	10,587,362	49,141,553	50,128,989
69.	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA	7,725,898	56,593,977	54,316,248
70.	WARREN, MICHIGAN	1,099,759	3,854,670	8,695,871
71.	PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND	1,016,900	14,521,875	18,200,350
72.	FORT WAYNE, INDIANA	7,627,558	32,225,313	53,929,191
73.	WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	1,073,841	7,164,860	8,496,830
74.	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	15,615,577	70,372,580	49,557,009
75.	GARY, INDIANA	700,755	10,715,535	5,526,734
76.	KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	6,717,875	41,570,259	88,077,130
77.	MADISON, WISCONSIN	6,800,278	39,412,482	33,223,782
78.	VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA	23,720,628	126,833,784	144,606,951
79.	SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	46,684,838	84,314,734	59,522,271
80.	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	4,102,674	28,556,744	42,566,131
81.	ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	8,505,739	52,704,871	98,349,951
82.	FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	29,889,777	122,385,812	116,618,581
83.	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA	19,072,761	79,777,162	80,315,798
84.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	17,877,329	36,982,677	10,313,157
85.	HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	1,703,909	24,939,427	30,719,973
86.	SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA	20,792,232	51,340,133	53,664,075
87.	BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	645,890	8,411,932	6,884,243
88.	TACOMA, WASHINGTON	16,418,535	60,175,641	37,205,881
89.	COLUMBUS, GEORGIA	3,335,533	26,603,515	38,242,716
90.	JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	8,062,820	38,448,460	54,814,537
91.	LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	9,694,519	38,490,513	28,932,538
92.	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	9,293,320	52,109,969	64,079,238
93.	ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	5,600,451	22,163,324	18,816,484
94.	PATERSON, NEW JERSEY	1,051,036	8,214,929	5,936,097
95.	GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA	12,995,834	34,532,330	42,545,580
96.	RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA	7,354,237	38,093,366	24,583,024
97.	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	2,538,973	4,461,031	8,020,481
98.	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	3,697,785	50,892,030	31,375,208
99.	EVANSVILLE, INDIANA	2,789,807	11,706,803	20,100,191
100.	NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA	7,905,032	27,899,313	24,930,104
101.	HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA	9,279,120	34,106,124	35,204,552
102.	NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	2,877,997	7,491,844	12,127,339
103.	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO	19,790,838	103,950,985	125,085,032
104.	TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	4,699,830	18,377,405	27,287,580
105.	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA	14,853,400	57,404,000	55,377,800
106.	WINSTON-SALEM, NO. CAR	6,827,724	31,340,173	39,467,051
107.	GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	11,757,748	57,228,139	50,272,852
108.	LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	5,790,723	62,711,142	48,155,123
109.	LANSING, MICHIGAN	2,485,333	36,287,952	21,726,462
110.	ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA	408,610	11,358,110	8,837,721
111.	AMARILLO, TEXAS	4,955,196	41,328,694	72,500,592
112.	PEORIA, ILLINOIS	4,269,247	28,696,844	31,153,527
113.	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	22,667,214	116,341,012	84,893,248
114.	SOUTH BEND, INDIANA	4,641,111	26,668,455	12,675,247
115.	TOPEKA, KANSAS	3,205,116	18,956,070	16,986,937
116.	GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	4,041,257	25,599,139	38,136,139
117.	MACON, GEORGIA	3,742,985	33,224,181	21,464,152
118.	RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA	10,779,065	62,369,270	42,387,065
119.	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	2,184,802	13,978,478	22,209,844
120.	SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	14,354,542	44,883,438	40,868,885
121.	CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	1,210,961	35,279,782	50,022,377
122.	SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	6,381,452	22,993,532	3,966,166
123.	BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA	7,146,697	15,931,585	8,098,643
124.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF	6,552,096	38,789,963	83,801,554
125.	BEAUMONT, TEXAS	5,667,682	39,951,934	40,894,841
126.	ALBANY, NEW YORK	1,446,801	7,405,965	7,357,377
127.	COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA	948,476	9,268,222	19,522,934
128.	PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	17,384,133	42,034,273	37,650,666
129.	ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY	344,885	2,663,080	3,626,267
130.	INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI	1,502,201	16,768,298	11,136,381
131.	PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	1,323,484	12,949,568	10,422,219
132.	ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	16,184,478	49,002,004	32,749,794
133.	CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	7,650,072	33,046,647	37,916,085
134.	LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	9,717,444	36,308,321	32,154,245
135.	CANTON, OHIO	2,205,854	17,715,122	12,297,473
136.	ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	470,925	8,755,022	12,677,819
137.	STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	19,902,861	120,694,753	25,887,223
138.	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	11,633,656	67,147,033	56,185,296
139.	WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	2,126,850	5,860,999	2,449,228
140.	HAMMOND, INDIANA	8,432,254	25,485,679	4,244,039
141.	STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA	17,770,852	76,030,197	77,571,680
142.	HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	32,788,932	92,179,879	37,021,761
143.	TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	612,973	2,727,312	2,793,635
144.	SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF	2,382,458	33,803,529	39,905,615
145.	DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	5,399,933	69,216,725	12,922,872
146.	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	854,056	3,702,761	10,280,644
147.	CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY	55,650	1,672,711	1,447,609
148.	HIALEAH, FLORIDA	826,268	28,039,683	9,064,861
149.	NEW BEDFORD, MASS	1,133,263	6,201,667	4,441,803
150.	FREMONT, CALIFORNIA	37,827,200	110,564,300	90,857,200
151.	DULUTH, MINNESOTA	3,973,408	12,659,123	11,179,974
152.	CAMBRIDGE, MASS	7,722,163	15,303,223	9,283,405
153.	PARMA, OHIO	1,037,500	17,965,850	6,814,250
154.	ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	2,860,278	18,214,455	30,335,721
155.	ORLANDO, FLORIDA	5,808,651	39,893,901	28,125,509
156.	DAVENPORT, IOWA	6,581,035	23,460,640	23,446,863
157.	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	15,539,120	73,501,631	22,563,078
158.	PUEBLO, COLORADO	1,964,493	22,251,021	17,554,700
159.	IRVING, TEXAS	16,848,262	47,449,681	26,213,706
160.	FALL RIVER, MASS	472,740	2,151,689	2,363,580
161.	DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA	2,608,557	30,613,011	21,115,494
162.	SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	5,931,664	54,636,882	86,166,069
163.	WACO, TEXAS	11,738,872	51,586,093	20,228,766
164.	RACINE, WISCONSIN	3,061,399	10,483,345	7,138,673
165.	LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	2,342,750	15,946,435	19,008,535
166.	HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA	9,938,191	41,628,093	51,388,960
167.	LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	7,830,210	38,629,262	33,897,440
168.	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	2,820,114	10,756,266	12,945,630
169.	SAGINAW, MICHIGAN	3,556,232	6,195,931	8,104,876
170.	NORWALK, CALIFORNIA	530,810	3,365,260	7,649,850
171.	SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	3,540,408	24,341,547	19,101,301
172.	UTICA, NEW YORK	206,256	5,164,668	3,343,420
173.	NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	1,936,688	6,685,620	8,062,088
174.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	47,842,483	150,538,200	146,156,239
175.	DECATUR, ILLINOIS	1,863,726	17,432,876	14,004,267
176.	LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	3,129,730	6,188,756	3,620,621
177.	INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	902,811	10,859,473	11,328,775
178.	ABILENE, TEXAS	3,462,481	31,677,242	48,792,611
179.	CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA	8,017,926	45,808,773	36,283,444
180.	PASADENA, TEXAS	8,687,468	32,537,901	40,463,884
181.	BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	5,384,435	10,002,696	8,647,821
182.	BURBANK, CALIFORNIA	7,535,374	39,116,903	21,695,343
183.	SOMERVILLE, MASS	431,832	2,256,587	2,447,896
184.	DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA	5,457,417	14,345,784	12,748,170
185.	SANTA MONICA, CALIF	6,809,751	45,184,309	37,553,667
186.	ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICH	834,000	2,373,800	2,478,450
187.	QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS	3,651,172	5,552,528	3,084,482
188.	GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN	3,942,173	22,277,852	20,092,964
189.	MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	3,752,324	16,801,964	16,499,868
190.	SANTA CLARA, CALIF	5,682,492	51,344,340	102,018,317
191.	READING, PENNSYLVANIA	1,576,543	4,799,034	5,512,037
192.	POMONA, CALIFORNIA	6,268,541	46,846,340	23,894,948
193.	MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA	6,352,664	27,632,475	17,333,763
194.	WESTLAND, MICHIGAN	1,137,346	7,538,826	4,260,030
195.	SIOUX CITY, IOWA	1,676,509	16,630,652	8,335,538
196.	FULLERTON, CALIF	1,515,566	23,726,389	59,577,189
197.	NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK	1,011,738	4,519,410	50,754,506
198.	KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN	5,010,834	15,456,313	11,494,405
199.	ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN	546,200	5,614,580	3,597,325
200.	PONTIAC, MICHIGAN	539,254	38,359,265	8,405,941
TOTALS: 200 Largest Cities Listed Above		2,773,160,539	13,943,813,943	12,632,655,818

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R = Revised